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TOWN MEETING GROUND ZERO NATIONAL SPEAKER

WHO: TORIE OSBORN, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, THE NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE
WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1993
TIME: 7 PM
WHERE: ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

TORIE OSBORN IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE (NGLTF), THE PREEMINENT NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY CIVIL RIGHTS AND LOBByING ORGANIZATION, AND OF THE NGLTF POLICY INSTITUTE, THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATION. SHE HAS 27 YEARS OF ACTIVIST EXPERIENCE IN THE GAY AND LESBIAN AND WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, AS WELL AS THE ANTI-WAR, STUDENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS OF THE 1960'S AND 1970'S. OSBORN MOST RECENTLY SERVED FOUR YEARS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER, THE NATION'S LARGEST LESBIAN AND GAY ORGANIZATION, WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF $7.4 MILLION AND A STAFF OF 165 PEOPLE. SHE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED AND COMPLETED AN $8 MILLION BUILDING PROJECT FOR THE CENTER'S NEW 45,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY. UNDER TORIE'S LEADERSHIP, THE CENTER ACHIEVED STAFF RACIAL AND GENDER PARITY, WITH 50% WOMEN AND 45% PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND BECAME LA'S BUSIEST HIV CLINIC AND THE NATION'S LARGEST LESBIAN SERVICES PROVIDER.

BORN IN DENMARK AND RAISED IN PHILADELPHIA, OSBORN GRADUATED FROM MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE IN VERMONT AND EARNED HER MBA FROM UCLA. OSBORN'S GRASSROOTS AND PROFESSIONAL WORK HAS INCLUDED; FIGHTING THE BRIGGS INITIATIVE AND ANITA BRYANT IN THE 1970S AND THE LAROUCHE INITIATIVE IN 1986, TEN YEARS AS A PRODUCER AND PROMOTER HELPING BUILD THE WOMEN'S MUSIC NETWORK, AND SEVEN YEARS OF AIDS ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP IN LA. IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS IN OFFICE, TORIE HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE FIGHT TO LIFT THE BAN ON GAYS IN THE MILITARY. SHE ARRANGED TWO WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS (INCLUDING THE HISTORIC FIRST EVER BETWEEN LESBIAN AND GAY CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS AND A SITTING PRESIDENT) AND INAUGURATED A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR THE GAY CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT FROM NON-GAY CIVIL LIBERTARIANS. SHE LAUNCHED THE FIRST NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO "FIGHT THE RIGHT" BY TRAINING LOCAL ACTIVISTS HOW TO ORGANIZE IN THE FIELD.

TORIE WILL SPEAK TO THE GROUND ZERO (A HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY GROUP) TOWN MEETING AT 7PM ON THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1993 IN THE ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH, 730 N. TEJON ST., COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

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